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SUBJECT: CLEAN AIR ACT OPERATING PERMITS PROGRAM: NOTICE OF DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

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The purpose of this memorandum is to notify Department of Energy (DOE) Program Offices and Field Organizations of, and solicit comment on, an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Notice of Availability of Draft Rules and Accompanying Information for the Operating Permits Program Revisions (62 FR 30289, June 3, 1997) (attachment 1).

The EPA has made available the draft final rule and preamble that would revise the operating permits regulations in part 70 of chapter I, title 40, of the Code of Federal Regulations, and requirements for minor new source review (NSR) permitting in part 51 of chapter I, title 40, of the Code of Federal regulations. Due to the length of the document, Section I. Background and Section II. Summary of Changes For Which there Was Not Adverse Public Comment has been provided for your review (attachment 2). The remainder of the document focuses on changes to part 70 sections 70.2 through 70.8 and changes to part 51. The document in its entirety can be downloaded from the Internet at http://134.67.104.12/html/caaa/t5pg.htm. The file to download is entitled 97pream.wp5.

Initial revisions to part 70 were proposed on August 29, 1994 (59 FR 44460) and August 31, 1995 (60 FR 45530), and revisions to part 51 were proposed on August 31, 1995 (60 FR 45530). The draft final rule reflects comments previously received on the earlier proposals and includes additional proposed regulatory revisions and discussions (contained in the preamble) in response to those comments. EPA is accepting comments on these revisions prior to publication of the final rule.

Please submit comments by June 30, 1997 to Juliet Berling of my staff. Comments may be faxed to Ms. Berling at (202) 586-0955 or sent via e:mail to juliet.berling@eh.doe.gov. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Berling at (202) 586-8144.

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Attachments